

THE WAY
OF
SALVATION.

By Henry Francis Adams,
PASTOR OF FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH,
YARMOUTH, N. S.

MY DEAR FRIEND:—

If you are unsaved, I earnestly ask you to read the solemn words on the opposite page, for they are taken from God's great book, and describe the dreadful condition of your soul. Can anything be sadder than the fact that with all your comforts and temporal advantages, you are at enmity with the kind and loving heavenly Father, from Whom you received all the blessings of health and home? Do not, I beseech you, remain one moment longer indifferent to your true condition before God. But think, think, think, with the judgment day before your mind's eye, what an awful thing it is to live, and die, and appear before your Maker in your present state. Do not look at these sacred words in a critical spirit, nor with an unbelieving heart, but in a childlike spirit, and with a desire to know the real truth. For not until you know the lost and ruined condition of your soul, will you seek to be saved from it. Oh, do stop and consider the fearful results that have overtaken the procrastinator, and do not you say, as poor lost Felix said, "Go thy way for this time: when I have a convenient season, I will call for thee." But this day, go to the waiting Saviour and pray this prayer, "O LORD SHOW ME MYSELF."

1. The Condition of the Unsaved.

1. "By nature children of wrath, even as others." Eph. 2 : 3.

2. "All have sinned and come short of the glory of God." Rom. 3 : 23.

3. "The carnal mind is enmity against God ; for it is not subject to the law of God, neither indeed can be." Rom. 8 : 7.

4. "We know that the law is spiritual ; but I am carnal, sold under sin." Rom. 7 : 14.

5. "The Scripture hath concluded all under sin." Gal. 3 : 22.

6. "The soul that sinneth it shall die." Ezekiel 18 : 4.

7. "As by one man sin entered into the world, and death by sin ; and so death passed upon all men, for that all have sinned." Rom. 5 : 12.

8. "Dead in trespasses and sins." Eph. 2 : 1.

A
286M

P Adlse

I ask you now to consider the evils from which Jesus saves us. As an unsaved soul you are spiritually blind. You cannot see any beauty in Christ; nor see any real blessedness in the christian life. How can God show you His face, while His wrath abideth on you? From this state of ignorance and soul blindness Jesus is able and willing to save you. While you are thus living in unbelief, and alienation from God, you never can be happy, for you are condemned by the law, blinded by the god of this world, and a rebel against the Almighty Father. But blessed be God, there is hope for you, if you will repent of your sins and believe on the Lord Jesus Christ. Great as the power of Satan is, Jesus is mighty to save you from his chains. Heavy as is the curse of the holy law you have broken, Jesus is able to free you of the burden. Dark and sinful as your soul is by unbelief and wicked works, if by simple faith you will turn your blind eyes up to the Sun of Righteousness, the scales shall fall from them, and you shall see. Oh, think of the blessed exchange that shall come to your heart and life if after realizing your true condition before God, you will in simple faith pray, "LORD, SHOW ME THYSELF."

II. From what are we to be Saved ?

1. "For the wrath of God is revealed from heaven against all ungodliness and unrighteousness of men." Rom. 1 : 18.

2. "He that believeth not the Son, shall not see life ; but the wrath of God abideth on him." John 3 : 36.

3. "For as many as are of the works of the law, are under the curse : for it is written, Cursed is every one that continueth not in all things which are written in the book of the law to do them." Gal. 3 : 10.

4. "Having the understanding darkened, being alienated from the life of God, through the ignorance that is in them, because of the blindness of their hearts." Eph. 4 : 18.

5. "The god of this world hath blinded the minds of them which believe not." 2 Cor. 4 : 4.

6. "Then shall he say also unto them on the left hand, Depart from me, ye cursed, into everlasting fire, prepared for the devil and his angels." Matt. 25 : 41.

Just think of the "Good News" these passages from God's Word, bring to you, O burdened sinner? There is no need for you to despair of ever getting out of the sinking condition your soul is in, for one is at hand Who is "Mighty to save." Mark, Jesus does not half save the soul that trusts Him, but saves it FULLY and for EVER. He does not help us from the middle of the pit, and put us near the sides and say, "Now I have helped you so far, get up the rest of the way as well as you can;" but blessed be His name He does for every believing one just what He did for David. Listen, "He brought me up also out of a horrible pit, out of the miry clay, AND SET MY FEET UPON A ROCK, and established my goings," Psalm 40: 2. Be assured dear seeking heart, that no one can do this great work for you, but Jesus. If you put your trust in man, or the systems of man, your soul will be mocked, and you will find sooner or later, that you are trusting to a broken reed. Then do not look to poor frail mortals like yourself, and think not that you can ever contribute one mite towards your salvation. But do, I beseech you, trust only to Him, Who is a **STRONG CHRIST** for **WEAK SINNERS**, a **RICH CHRIST** for **POOR SINNERS**; a **SAVING CHRIST** for **TRUSTING SINNERS**.

III. By Whom are we to be Saved?

1. "The Son of man is come to seek and to save that which was lost." Luke 19: 10.

2. "This is a faithful saying, and worthy of all acceptation, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners; of whom I am chief." 1 Tim. 1: 15.

3. "Wherefore he is able also to save them to the uttermost, that come unto God by him, seeing he ever liveth to make intercession for them." Heb. 7: 25.

4. "God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him, should not perish, but have everlasting life." "For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved." John 3: 16, 17.

5. "Neither is there salvation in any other; for there is none other name under heaven given among men, whereby we must be saved." Acts 4: 12.

I think I hear you say, "All that you have said hitherto is quite true, but HOW to be saved is what puzzles me." Dear Friend, look at the following passages on this puzzling, "HOW" in this way. Look at the Locomotive standing on the track. It is in perfect order. Its furnace is roaring; the steam is up, and at Conductor's signal, the Engineer rings the bell and turns on the steam, and away she goes, snorting like a giant war-horse. But where are the passenger cars? They are standing still on the track. Why do they not go too? Ah, you can easily see that the "COUPLINGS" are wanting. Those strong steel oblong "COUPLINGS" must join the engine and cars, or the latter will never move an inch. They are now supplied, and like two great hands the locomotive and cars clasp each other, and away flies the heavy laden train with its freight of immortals. No one supposes that the coupling draws the cars, and yet without that LINK, the cars would rust and crumble to dust before moving. That little thing we call a LINK or COUPLING, represents the uniting power of FAITH. Faith cannot save you, but Christ CAN. But if you have not Faith in Jesus, the spiritual "COUPLING" is wanting, and without that you must PERISH. May your Prayer be, "LORD I BELIEVE, HELP THOU MINE UNBELIEF."

IV. How are we to be saved?

1. By grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast." Eph. 2: 8, 9.

2. "Sirs, what must I do to be saved? Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ, and thou shalt be saved." Acts. 16: 30.

3. "He that believeth on the Son, hath everlasting life." John 3: 36.

4. "If thou shalt confess with thy mouth, the Lord Jesus, and shalt believe in thine heart that God hath raised him from the dead, thou shalt be saved. For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." Rom. 10: 9, 10.

5. "Jesus saith unto them, Believe ye that I am able to do this? They said unto him, Yea Lord. Then touched he their eyes, saying, According to your faith be it unto you; and their eyes were opened." Matt. 9: 28-30.

Now that you have a solemn conviction that to be **SAVED** by Christ from sin and its consequences, is the **ONE THING NEEDFUL**, what are you going to do with that conviction? I most earnestly advise you to "strike while the iron is hot;" for if you delay, those warm impulses will certainly cool down, and your last state may be worst than your first. You see how urgently the Lord speaks to you in His Word on the importance of an immediate attention to your spiritual state. If you had been with me, when visiting ungodly men in their dying hour, **YOU** would not hesitate for one moment to decide for Christ. Such a state of concern for your eternal welfare, may never be your experience again. The idea cherished by so many, "there is plenty of time," is a trap of the devil's to put off repentance till it is too late. True, there is one instance of death-bed repentance recorded in the Bible, that of the dying thief; but the fact that there is only **ONE**, is a solemn reminder of its rarity. The road of by-and-by, leads to the town of never. This is a day of mercy; to-morrow may be a day of doom. Dear Friend, I beg of you give heed to your present opportunity, "**BEHOLD, NOW IS THE DAY OF SALVATION**;" to-morrow may be a day of damnation.

V. When should we be Saved?

1. "Behold, *now* is the accepted time; behold, *now* is the day of salvation." 2 Cor. 6: 2.

2. "Come *now*, and let us reason together saith the Lord: though your sins be as scarlet they shall be as white as snow; though they be red like crimson, they shall be as wool." Is. 1: 18.

3. "Thus saith the Lord of Hosts, Turn ye, *now* from your evil ways, and from your evil doings." Zech. 1: 4.

4. "And when Jesus came to the place, he looked up and saw him, and said unto him, Zaccheus, make haste and come down; for to-day I must abide at thy house. And he made haste and came down, and received him joyfully." Luke 19: 5-6.

5. "Therefore *now* amend your ways, and your doings; and obey the voice of the Lord your God." Jer. 26: 13.

6. "*Now* it is high time to awake out of sleep." Rom. 13: 11.

7. "Come; for all things are *now* ready." Luke 14: 17.

Have you once and for all time, forsaken your sins and believed on the Lord Jesus? Then let me urge you to seek for evidence of the sincerity of your trust, by the tests God has laid down in His own precious Word. Do not doubt your conversion because your experience is not like others. As your experience **BEFORE** you were saved, was different from others, so it is probable that it will be somewhat unlike theirs **AFTER** your conversion. Do not give the devil a chance to insert dark doubts into your heart, by presuming that because you do not **FEEL** and **EXPRESS** your feelings in the same way that other and older christians do, that therefore you have not been converted. Just read over thoughtfully and prayerfully the beautiful and helpful verses I have chosen from many others. If you are a child of God, you must **KNOW** it, though the degree of inward witnessing power, will of course be in some greater than in others. And moreover, some cannot even say **WHEN** they were born again, yet if they are proving the genuineness of their discipleship by **OBEDIENCE** to the Lord's commands, being prompted by **LOVE** to Him, herein is helpful proof that they have been saved. "HEREBY WE KNOW THAT WE KNOW HIM, IF WE KEEP HIS COMMANDMENTS."

VI. How can we know we are saved?

1. "He that believeth on the Son of God hath the witness in himself; he that believeth not God, hath made him a liar; because he believeth not the record that God gave of his Son." 1 Jn. 5: 10.

2. "The Spirit itself beareth witness with our spirit, that we are the children of God." Rom. 8: 16.

3. "And hereby we know that we know him, if we keep his commandments." 1 John 2: 3.

4. "And he that keepeth his commandments, dwelleth in him, and he in him. And hereby we know that he abideth in us, by the Spirit which he hath given us." 1 John 3: 24.

5. "Know ye not, that to whom ye yield yourselves servants to obey, his servants ye are to whom ye obey; whether of sin unto death, or of obedience unto righteousness?" Rom. 6: 16.

6. "We know that we have passed from death into life, because we love the brethren." 1 John 3: 14.

The Penitent's Prayer.

Just as I am Now.

Just as I am without one plea,
But that Thy blood was shed for me,
And that Thou bid'st me come to Thee,
O Lamb of God, I come !

Just as I am, and waiting not
To rid my soul of one dark blot,
To Thee, whose blood can cleanse each spot
O Lamb of God, I come !

Just as I am—poor, wretched, blind ;
Sight, riches, healing of the mind,
Yea, all I need, in Thee to find,
O Lamb of God, I come !

Just as I am—Thou wilt receive,
Wilt welcome, pardon, cleanse, relieve !
Because Thy promise I believe,—
O Lamb of God, I come !

Just as I am—Thy love unknown
Has broken every barrier down ;
Now to be Thine, yea, Thine alone,
O Lamb of God, I come !

Charlotte Elliot.

The Believer's Prayer.

Just as I Would be.

Lord, for to-morrow and its needs,
I do not pray ;
Keep me from stain of sin,
Just for to day.

Let me both diligently work
And duly pray ;
Let me be kind in word and deed
Just for to day,

Let me be slow to do my will—
Prompt to obey ;
Help me to sacrifice myself
Just for to day.

Let me no wrong or idle word
Unthinking say ;
Set thou a seal upon my lips
Just for to day.

So for to morrow and its needs
I do not pray ;
But keep me, guide me, hold me, Lord,
Just for to-day.

Canon Wilberforce.

The Believer's Prayer.

Let me be as thou art

Just as I would be

Lead me from sin and sorrow

Lead me from sorrow and pain

Keep me from sin and sorrow

Just for to day

Let me be as thou art

Just as I would be

Lead me from sin and sorrow

Lead me from sorrow and pain

Keep me from sin and sorrow

Just for to day



C. CAREY,
BOOK & JOB PRINTER,
YARMOUTH, N. S.



Let me be as thou art

Just as I would be

Lead me from sin and sorrow

Lead me from sorrow and pain

Keep me from sin and sorrow

Just for to day

